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1. (Unclassified - GLC) Mrs. Mauzy, in the office of Representative Winfield K. Denton, called and said in replying to a constituent inquiry, Mr. Denton wished to support the Agency in connection with the articles on Viet Nam and wanted to know the title of the Agency representative who had been mentioned in these articles. I advised Mrs. Mauzy that it was the Agency's policy not to comment on press articles speculating on the Agency's activities and, therefore, I could not confirm that the Richardson referred to in the newspaper accounts was with the Agency and if he were I would not be in a position to disclose his title. Mrs. Mauzy said she thought they would just identify the individual as the Agency representative in South Viet Nam.

2. (Unclassified - GLC) Mr. Claussen called to say that Senator Claiborne Pell's office has been in touch with USIA and inquired as to whether a report had been made by the Maxwell Taylor-Attorney General-Allen Dulles investigation of the Cuban invasion incident. USIA had in turn contacted Mr. Claussen. When I made a follow-up call to Pell's office, I was advised that in response to their query Andrew Hatcher, of the White House staff, had said there had been no report to the President. Senator Pell's office said they had decided to handle this on the basis of the open record.

3. (Internal Use Only - JGO) In response to Senator Kuchel's transmittal slip request concerning the authenticity of an address by Beria, formerly head of the Russian Secret Police, contained in a pamphlet put out by the American Public Relations Forum, Inc., Burbank, California, I met with Mr. Hass, Administrative Assistant to Senator Kuchel, and advised him that we are unable to vouch for the authenticity of the item. In response to my request for no attribution, Mr. Hass indicated that he might well raise the question with the Department of State so that he might have an attributable source in responding to his constituents.

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4. (Unclassified - JSW) Mr. Warner sat in on the House Rules Committee hearing on our early retirement legislation.

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6. (Internal Use Only - JSW) Talked with Robert Michaels concerning the investigation being conducted by the Appropriations Committee of the counterinsurgency function in DOD. Michaels indicated that the Committee had intended that this investigation be restricted to DOD only. However, if any approaches were made to the Agency, either direct or indirect, this matter should be brought to the Committee's attention for appropriate solution.

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